

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SACRAMENTO LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

GEORGE GASCÓN • District Attorney SHARON L. WOO • Chief Deputy District Attorney JOSEPH F. INIGUEZ • Chief of Staff

DANIEL FELIZZATTO • Legislative Advocate TAMAR TOKAT • Legislative Advocate

June 22, 2022 Senator David Min 1021 O Street, Ste 6710 Sacramento, CA 95814

Senate Bill 915 **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Min:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 915 (Min).

Gun violence has become an epidemic nationwide. The easy accessibility of firearms, precursor parts, and ammunition has compounded this crisis. County fairgrounds should be safe spaces for community gatherings. Instead, these taxpayer-owned properties are used to facilitate the sales of guns and ammunition. SB 915 would prohibit the sale of firearms, firearm precursor parts and ammunition on state property.

According to the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, gun shows often create the opportunity to "circumvent gun safety laws" and are a common venue for straw purchases and illegal gun transfers. Additionally, a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms report described gun shows as a "major trafficking channel" and found that gun shows were the second largest source of illegally trafficked firearms. California should not play a role in facilitating or profiting from the sales of these deadly weapons. SB 915 would create a statewide safeguard to ensure that county fairgrounds remain safe venues for the community.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tamar Tokat in our Legislative Office at 916-442-0668.

Very Truly Yours,

GEORGE GASCÓN District Attorney

> Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 442-0668

Fax: (916) 444-8729

1100 K Street, Suite 404